

## 210,000 LABORERS NOW UNEMPLOYED

With 210,000 unemployed laborers in industrial centers last week, the situation is becoming serious, according to a statement issued by the United States Employment Service of the Department of Labor.

Since the signing of the armistice there has been a steady and consistent decrease in the shortages, while the surplus has been steadily increasing. The percentage of cities reporting a shortage has dropped to 18 per cent, the cities reporting surpluses has jumped to 44 per cent, and the cities where the supply equals the demand has dropped to 38 per cent.

On December 10, 25 per cent of the cities were short of laborers, 12 1/2 per cent reported surpluses and 60 per cent reported the supply equal to the demand. On December 3 there was a total shortage of labor in industrial centers of 34,000. This shortage has been wiped out in eight weeks, and a surplus of 210,000 substituted.

In the New England States the situation is hopeful. Boston and Springfield report a supply equal to the demand, and New Britain, Conn., reports a shortage. Lynn and Lawrence report a surplus of several thousand unemployed, but there has been only a slight increase in the number during the last few weeks.

In New York State a surplus of labor is reported in every large city, while in New Jersey, and Pennsylvania the supply about equals the demand. In Cleveland the surplus has increased from 40,000 to 50,000 unemployed, while other Ohio cities report a similar condition.

The situation in the middle West is far from satisfactory. Detroit has a surplus of 25,000. Grand Rapids, Jackson, and Flint all report a surplus. Illinois reports surpluses at almost every point, and the expected lay-off at the Rock Island arsenal will affect both Illinois and Iowa.

On the Pacific coast and in the Southern States the situation is not so acute, but a shortage in labor existing in the larger cities of the two sections is being rapidly reduced, and in quite a few instances changed into a surplus.

Whether the Senate shall go on record as demanding the withdrawal of American troops from Russia will be put squarely up to that body for decision this week, Senator Johnson of California gave notice yesterday.

Despairing of action by the Foreign Relations Committee on his first resolution asking for a statement of the American policy in Russia, Senator Johnson said he would call his withdrawal resolution up for a vote after making a final speech in its behalf next Wednesday.

"It will be defeated," he predicted. "But I want to get down on a roll call where the American people can see it a list of those who wish to continue our war on Russia." While he reiterated previous statements that he had no sympathy with the Bolsheviks, Johnson asserted that "common international decency" demands that the Russian people be permitted to solve their internal problems for themselves.

Piled on his desk before the Senator as he spoke were hundreds of letters from soldiers, their relatives, and their friends, urging him to more vigorous efforts.

"My God, Senator Johnson," read one from a mother that topped one pile, "get our boys out of Russia. They are fighting with their backs to the wall, facing slaughter."

"Scores of letters like this come to me every day," Johnson said. "I am afraid to use them—most of them because it might get the men who wrote them or about whom they were written in trouble."

**ATLANTIC GAS CO. SIGNS PACT.** The collective bargaining agreement said to be the first ever entered into by public utilities in the South has been signed by the Atlantic Gas and Light Company, following negotiations by the Department of Labor conciliators.

## Mrs. Bang Was Very Foolish To Ask the Terrible Tempered Mr. Bang What He Thought of the Stuff She Bought at the Auction.

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## HOOVER NOT AIMING TO LOWER PRICES

The food administration is doing nothing to lower food prices in America.

The position taken by officials, it was learned today, is that if the present overplus of foodstuffs, admittedly piled up in this country now, were to drop in price, by reason of a free working of the law of supply and demand, the drop would only be temporary.

"What we hope to accomplish is that America can divide her surplus of food with the European nations, and still keep prices at a sane, reasonable level," said an official.

"Our ships are loaded to capacity with foodstuffs for Europe now. Within a short time, the surplus will be dwindled. Permitting the free economic law to operate now would mean that they must operate three months from now, also. Then it would be difficult to keep prices as low as they are now."

It was admitted, however, that in many foodstuffs there is no reason why there should not be a decided drop. Dairy products, with the exception of condensed milk and cheese and other dairy commodities that can be shipped overseas, it was pointed out, are in sufficient quantity in this country.

Herbert Hoover, food administrator, pointed out before he left for Europe two months ago that a "break" might be expected in the butter market if prices were not reduced.

The food administration's stand is that it is not empowered to demand lower prices, and that it has no power to prosecute those who violate its rules under the Lever act.

"The only thing that can be done is for local food administrators to establish fair price lists and punish merchants who profiteer," it was declared.

## DEPAUW UNIVERSITY STUDENTS DEMAND RIGHT TO DANCE

GREENCASTLE, Ind., Jan. 26.—Petitions were being circulated among students of De Pauw University here today to be presented at the next meeting of the board of trustees, asking that the students be given the right to dance.

De Pauw, a Methodist institution, has forbidden dances since its foundation.

Dr. George Grose, president of the college, gave his approval to the circulation of the petitions.

## GARMENT WORKERS WIN PART VICTORY

NEW YORK, Jan. 26.—Striking garment workers won a partial victory yesterday, when several hundred "independent" manufacturers agreed to accept the union's demands for a 44-hour week and a wage increase.

President Benjamin Schlesinger, of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union, announced that several thousand of the workers would return to work Monday.

## PEACE PARLEY MAY DECIDE NAVY PLANS

League of nation developments at the peace conference during this week, along with the utterances of Premier Lloyd George, may decide the fate of the Administration's large navy program.

If the British peace delegation shows an inclination to agree to a program of disarmament or even a curtailment of naval building, the proposal of Secretary Daniels for a new three-year building program will probably be beaten or radically cut in the House Naval Committee, large navy Congressmen said yesterday.

If, on the other hand, construction is to continue at the present rate, President Wilson will be appealed for the purpose of whipping insurgent Democrats into support of the Administration plan and the new bill will be reported out of committee with only two votes against it, and be pushed through the House.

**Navy "Second to None."** The Administration program does not constitute a threat to any nation, Secretary Daniels has pointed out, but merely means that the United States in her position as a great world power should have a navy "second to none."

The present situation in the naval committee is this: Six Democrats are for the big navy and five Democrats are against it. Seven Republicans are for it and two are against it.

This gives a large navy men a substantial majority in the committee, but they fear what may happen to their bill if they go into the House with a divided committee back of it. A letter from the President would put the five Democrats into line and leave only the two Republicans opposing.

**Daniels' Estimates Cut.** The first draft of the navy bill, as now written, carries appropriations of \$745,000,000, as against Secretary Daniels' request for \$375,000,000.

To effect this saving a number of land-based projects were dropped, naval aviation was cut down, the navy personnel was pared and work was ordered stopped on several destroyers and submarines for which the Navy Department was about to let contracts.

**"TROMBONE" RODE HEAVY TO TELL OF HIS WAR WORK**

Homer Trombone will sing and speak, and other members of the Billy Sunday party will speak, at a mass meeting tomorrow evening at Liberty Hut.

Thomas Hiner, an attorney who was in France for more than a year as a V. M. C. A. man, will tell of his experiences with troops in action.

Mr. Trombone, stage manager and trombone soloist of the Billy Sunday campaign meetings, himself was a "Y" secretary for six months, and he will tell of what he saw in France. He has recently returned, and this will be one of his first public appearances since he landed on American soil.

The meeting will be at 8 o'clock. No tickets, admission free.

**30,000 CIVIL WAR "VETS" DIED IN 1918**

The Pension Bureau sent to the House Appropriations Committee yesterday estimates of \$215,000,000 to cover pensions for the year. This amount is \$5,000,000 less than the bill of last year. The report shows that 30,000 civil war veterans died during the year.

## FAKE INCOME TAX EXPERTS BUSY HERE

Warning against fake "experts" on income tax matters is given in a statement issued yesterday by Daniel C. Roper, commissioner of internal revenue.

"Business houses and individuals are being canvassed by numerous so-called 'income tax experts,' who offer to relieve the busy taxpayer from all worries about his tax responsibilities," said Commissioner Roper.

"I desire to make public announcement, for the information of taxpayers, that an investigation of the qualifications of many of these 'experts' will disclose the fact that very few have had the training and experience that would place them anywhere near the expert class.

"Some of them were formerly temporary employees of the Government who are attempting to capitalize this fact regardless of their personal knowledge of the revenue laws and regulations. Others are soliciting clients on the strength of diplomas as income tax experts obtained after taking long-distance courses by means of printed instructions of doubtful value.

**Warns Against Strangers.** "Taxpayers should not allow themselves to be imposed upon by strangers who claim to be income tax experts. They should discriminate carefully between really helpful, authoritative advice in tax matters and the irresponsible brand peddled under glittering pretenses.

"The bureau is arranging to furnish for the benefit of income tax payers in every city and town in the country a free advisory service by trained collectors, agents, inspectors and deputies. At the offices of collectors and their deputies, and at other central points, free information and advice with respect to filing returns under the new revenue bill may be had up to the final date for filing such returns.

"Banks, trust companies and similar responsible institutions have always co-operated in furnishing authentic income tax information, and have generously offered to serve the Government and taxpayers in this respect again this year.

"It is the aim of the bureau to bring its agencies as close as possible to every person, and to make available in official form all necessary information regarding the requirements of the law. The bureau welcomes aid from every responsible agency in its effort to enlighten the people on tax matters.

**Assures Square Deal.** "Every taxpayer is assured of a square deal from the Government based entirely on the tax laws and regulations and the facts in his case. No other influence is allowed to enter into internal revenue matters and the statement of any firm or individual that they are in a position to exert special influence with internal revenue officers is wholly without foundation in fact. Painstaking and open-minded consideration is given in every case regardless of whether the taxpayer appears in person or by attorney.

"Firms or persons who offer to prosecute claims against the Government can secure no special consideration beyond the merits of the claims as determined by the facts and the law.

"Any former Government officer or employee is barred by statute from acting as counsel, attorney or agent for prosecuting claims against the United States which were pending while he was an officer or employee, and is also barred from aiding in any manner the prosecution of such claims within two years after leaving the Government service."

**ZEEBRUGGE RAID HERO TO LECTURE**

The hero of the British raid on the U-boat bases at Zeebrugge, Capt. Alfred F. B. Carpenter, V. C., commander of the *Vindictive* during the desperate effort to bottle up the German submarines, will speak at the Belasco Theater on February 4, giving all the details of that attack.

On Wednesday, January 22, Captain Carpenter spoke in New York in the interest of the fund for the widows and orphans of the men who lost their lives while patrolling the British channel, and succeeded in raising \$20,000. Thousands of people were turned away on that occasion, and Captain Carpenter has consented to a return engagement on January 31.

Of the sum raised in New York, \$10,000 was realized by auctioning off a fragment of the Zeebrugge mole, the bidders pooling their offers and then presenting the piece of masonry to the city.

Captain Carpenter spoke of the attempt of Hobson to bottle up the Spanish fleet in the harbor of Santiago, comparing it with the raid on Zeebrugge.

"The chief difference between the feat at Zeebrugge and that at Santiago harbor," he said, "was that the American sailors, too ready to face the direct fire of the enemy's heavy guns, sailed straight into the mouth of the harbor, with the result that the ship was sunk before it was maneuvered into position.

"I think probably the Hobson exploit was the most daring single act of the kind in the history of the world. But that very daring contributed to its partial failure. It brought about the desired result, however, because when a fleet faces the prospect of being bottled up in a harbor it usually will come out to attack that ship."

Just what the Americans wanted Germany to do and what he did, with the result that all of his ships were sunk.

Captain Carpenter's appearance here on February 4 will mark his farewell to Washington.

**MOTOR SALES MANAGERS MEET NEXT AT PHILA.**

CINCINNATI, Jan. 26.—Philadelphia was chosen as the next meeting place of the National Association of Motor Truck Sales Managers, in convention here. The managers represent concerns doing \$300,000,000 business annually.

## MALE MODISTE HELD FOR HER DEATH



MISS "BILLIE" CARLETON.

Following the inquest by the coroner's jury into the death of Miss Carleton, beautiful English-American actress, from narcotic poisoning, "Reggie" Develle, London fashion designer, must stand trial for manslaughter at the Old Bailey police court, according to a report from London. The coroner's jury found Miss Carleton died from a self-administered overdose of cocaine, but not with intent to commit suicide. Develle has been charged with having furnished the drugs which caused Miss Carleton's death. The actress was found dead in her room in a London hotel last month.

**CONFESSED SLAYER FREED.**

NEW YORK, Jan. 26.—Patrick O'Donnell, arrested a week ago, when he confessed to the murder of Mary Riddell, was turned loose yesterday.

## U. S. ARMY OFFICER IN POISONING CASE

LONDON, Jan. 26.—The "mystery man" angle in the Billie Carleton poisoning case took a sensational turn when the Daily Express announced that a certain individual now en route to the United States will be asked by the American police to return to London immediately.

"The mystery man" in the proceedings of the inquest into the young actress' death from an overdose of cocaine has been an unnamed American army officer, who it was testified threatened to kill "Billie" because she had jilted him.

It was after this threat, the testimony showed, that the actress made her home at the apartments of "Reggie" Develle, the London modiste now out on bail under a charge of manslaughter returned by the coroner's jury.

## EXPORTS OF MANY GOODS SHOW GAIN

Exports of many commodities during the calendar year 1918 show large increases, according to figures made public by the Department of Commerce.

The increases are due to the large amount of shipping that has been released for trade purposes.

Exports of meat and dairy products during the year amounted to \$941,000,000, an increase of \$504,000,000 over the exports for the calendar year 1917.

Among the other exports were the following: Breadstuffs, \$801,000,000, an increase of \$170,000,000; cotton, \$474,000,000, an increase of \$99,000,000; cotton seed oil, \$23,000,000, an increase of \$6,000,000; mineral oils, \$344,000,000, an increase of \$94,000,000.

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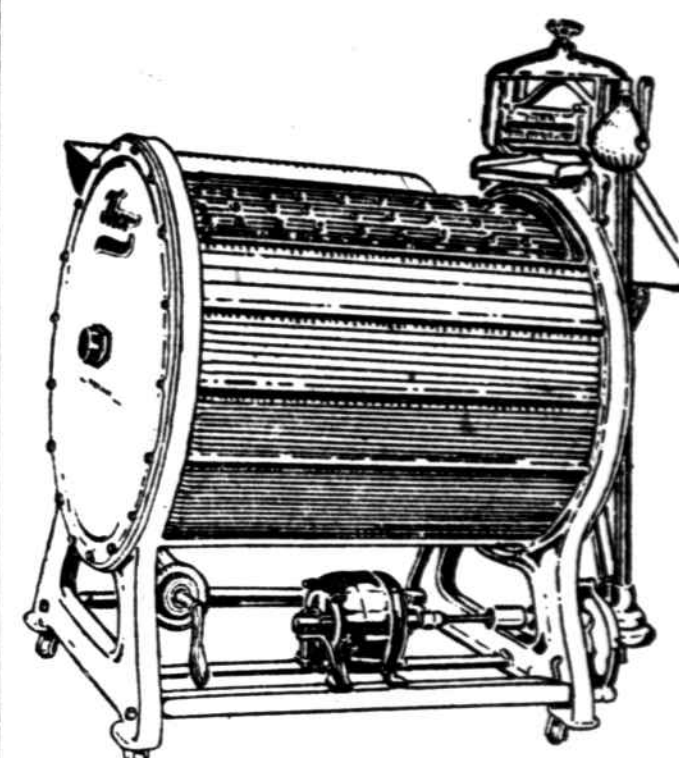


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